



U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES
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FACT SHEET: THE ENDING HOMELESSNESS ACT OF 2023

Bill Summary: This bill would end homelessness and significantly reduce poverty in America by transforming the Housing Choice Voucher program into a federal entitlement, so that every household who qualifies for assistance would receive it. The bill would also ban housing discrimination based on source of income and veteran status.

The Need for Legislation: The U.S. saw a continued increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness since the last pre-pandemic count in 2020, particularly among people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. On any given night, nearly 582,500 people have no other place to sleep than in emergency shelters, on the streets, and other places unfit for human habitation. People of color have been particularly hard hit and continue to experience disproportionate rates of housing instability and homelessness. While Democrats secured substantial new resources to address homelessness through pandemic relief legislation, which helped house over 140,000 people experiencing homelessness, much more is needed.

When it comes to housing, America lacks the equivalent of the food stamps program, which, as a federal entitlement, kicks in as an automatic economic stabilizer to help American families afford food when they experience a sudden, drastic loss of income. By comparison, if someone is experiencing homelessness or housing instability, they essentially have to roll the dice and hope that they are lucky enough to get help; today, 4 out of 5 households who qualify for a Housing Choice Voucher are turned away.

The Solution: The Ending Homelessness Act of 2023 provides a comprehensive plan to ensure that every person experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity in America has an affordable place to call home. The bill would:

- expand and transform the Housing Choice Voucher program into a federal entitlement that would be phased in over eight years;
- prohibit landlords from discriminating against renters based on source of income and veteran status;
- appropriate \$10 billion in funding over 5 years for the Housing Trust Fund and McKinney Vento grants to fund the creation of permanent affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness;
- provide funding for outreach and case management to connect persons experiencing homelessness to needed services, as well as for technical assistance to help states and local jurisdictions better align their healthcare and housing strategies;
- permanently authorize the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, which authorizes the main homeless assistance grant programs under HUD's jurisdiction; and,
- permanently authorize the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, which serves a critical role in coordinating the overall federal strategy to end homelessness.

All in all, this bill is projected to fund the creation of 410,000 new units of housing for people experiencing homelessness and effectively end widespread homelessness and housing instability. Columbia University researchers also project that this bill would lift 9 million people out of poverty, reduce child poverty by over a third, and decrease racial disparities in poverty rates among Black and White households. For more information, see below:

Expansion of housing choice voucher program.

- *Funding.* Appropriates for each of the fiscal years 2024 to 2027 the amount necessary to fund incremental vouchers allocated under this section, annual voucher renewal costs, and administrative fees for vouchers allocated under this section.
- *Eligible Households.* Households are eligible to receive rental assistance under this section if they have incomes at or below half of the extremely low-income threshold or have incomes below the extremely low-income threshold and include a household member who is a recipient of Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- *Allocation.* HUD will allocate 500,000 vouchers in fiscal year 2024, and 1,000,000 in each calendar year from 2025 through 2027.

Entitlement program for housing choice vouchers.

- *Entitlement.* Beginning in fiscal year 2028, families meeting certain income thresholds will be entitled to receive a Housing Choice Voucher.
- *Funding.* For fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year after, amounts necessary shall be appropriated from the Treasury to fund the Housing Choice Voucher entitlement program and voucher administrative fees.
- *Qualified Families.* From fiscal year 2028 through fiscal year 2032, families meeting certain income thresholds would become entitled to receive a Housing Choice Voucher.
- *Continuing Eligibility.* A household will be considered eligible for the program established under this section if they were already receiving assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- *Administering Agencies.* HUD will encourage and provide for public housing agencies to form regional consortia to administer rental assistance within respective geographic areas, as well as to administer assistance in any area with little to no existing public housing agency jurisdiction.
- *Small Area Fair Market Rents.* Public housing agencies would be required to use small area fair market rents to determine the payment standard for Housing Choice Vouchers to ensure families have the ability to move to or remain in higher cost housing markets.
- *Project-Basing.* A public housing agency may project base Housing Choice Vouchers under the entitlement program and is not limited in the number of vouchers it may project base. A voucher holder living in a project-based voucher unit may, at any time, request a mobile tenant-based voucher.
- *Security Deposits.* An agency can authorize a qualified family to use such assistance for security deposits, broker fees, and application fees relating to obtaining a dwelling unit, except the Secretary can limit the amount of assistance that may be provided. The Secretary can require the return of any amount used for a security deposit when the assisted family is no longer living in the unit.
- *Administrative Fees.* HUD would establish a new administrative fee that reflects local variation in the cost of administering a voucher program and which encourages public housing agencies to expand housing choice for assisted families.
- *Prohibition of Use Under the Moving to Work Program.* The amounts in subsection “Funding” and section 2 cannot be used in connection with Moving to Work Program.

Repeal of ineligibility criteria.

- This section would prohibit public housing agencies from screening out voucher applicants or terminating voucher assistance based on a person’s criminal or drug history.

Prohibiting housing discrimination based on source of income and veteran status.

- This section would amend the Fair Housing Act of 1968 to add source of income and veteran status as protected classes under the Act. This section also authorizes \$137 million over 10 fiscal years to increase State and local fair housing enforcement capacity and authorizes \$3 million for a 3-year national media

campaign to raise public awareness of expanded fair housing rights and how to file housing discrimination complaints.

Funding to address unmet need.

Homeless Assistance Funding

- *Appropriation of Funds.* Appropriates \$1 billion annually, not otherwise appropriated for each of the fiscal years 2024 through 2028, for emergency relief grants to address the unmet needs of people experiencing homelessness, particularly in jurisdictions with the highest need.
- *Allocation of Funds.* Instructs the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary, in consultation with the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) to establish a formula for allocating the grant amounts that takes into account the following factors: (A) poverty rates; (B) shortages of affordable and available housing for low, very low, and extremely low income households; (C) the number of overcrowded housing units; (D) the numbers of people experiencing unsheltered and chronic homelessness; and (E) any other factors determined appropriate. Requires that the formula be devised swiftly and that the distribution of grant funding be within 30 days after establishment of the formula.
- *Targeting Chronic Homelessness.* Requires that no less than 75 percent of the funding be used to create new permanent supportive housing (PSH), including capital costs, rental subsidies, and services. Allows the HUD Secretary to waive this requirement if the applicant can demonstrate that they have functionally ended chronic homelessness in their community, or that the PSH currently under development is sufficient to functionally end chronic homelessness once such units are available for occupancy.
- *Administrative Costs.* Allows for no more than five percent of the total amount of the grant to be used for administrative costs.
- *Promoting Housing First.* Directs the HUD Secretary to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that grantees are using a Housing First approach.
- *Ensuring Long-Term Effectiveness.* Provides that expiring contracts for leasing, rental assistance, or permanent housing funded by this section are eligible for contract renewals funded through the annual appropriations process.
- *Reporting.* Requires the HUD Secretary and USICH to provide reports to Congress on the design and implementation of the grant program as well as semiannual reports on progress being made, including description of the activities funded with the grant amounts. Allows the HUD Secretary to collect any information necessary to comply with the reporting requirements.

Outreach Funding

- *Appropriation of Funds.* Appropriates \$100 million annually, not otherwise appropriated for each of the fiscal years 2024 through 2028, for grants to provide outreach and coordinate services for people experiencing homelessness.
- *Allocation of Funds.* Directs the HUD Secretary to make the grants on a competitive basis and shall give priority to applicants who submit plans to make innovative and effective use of staff funded with the grant amounts. Requires that the criteria for the competition be devised swiftly and that the distribution of grant funding be within 30 days after establishment of the criteria.

Housing Trust Fund.

- *Appropriation of Funds.* Appropriates \$1 billion annually, beginning in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, for the Housing Trust Fund (HTF).
- *Ensuring Affordable Rents.* Limits the tenant rent contribution to 30 percent of adjusted income as defined by section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. Directs the HUD Secretary to issue revised regulations within 90 days of enactment of this Act.

- *Ensuring Priority for the People Experiencing Homelessness.* Ensures priority for occupancy for dwelling units created with the first five years of funding be available for people experiencing homelessness as defined in section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Technical assistance funds to help states and local organizations align health and housing systems.

- *Appropriation of Funds.* Appropriates \$20 million to provide technical assistance (TA) funding for HUD, in collaboration with USICH and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary, to provide state- and local-level technical assistance in integrating and aligning policies and funding between Medicaid programs, behavioral health providers, and housing providers to create supportive housing opportunities.
- *Allocation of Funds.* Requires that the priority of TA support shall be for states and localities that have the highest numbers of people experiencing chronic homelessness. Directs HUD to engage state Medicaid directors, governors, state housing and homelessness agencies, and any other relevant offices to assist states in increasing use of their Medicaid programs to finance supportive services for people experiencing homelessness.

Permanent authorization of appropriations for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act grants.

- *Permanent Authorization.* Provides for a permanent authorization of appropriations for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance grants.

Permanent extension of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

- *Permanent Extension.* Provides for a permanent extension of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness by repealing the current sunset date.

Eligibility of Private Nonprofit Organizations for Funding.

- *Private Nonprofit Organizations.* HUD may provide private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, funding as both eligible grantees and subgrantees under this title.

Eligibility of Faith-Based Organizations.

- *Faith-Based Organizations.* The status or possibility of being faith-based may not be the basis of discrimination for any purpose.

Conforming Amendments.

- This section makes various conforming amendments to existing statute.

Funding Priority.

- This section requires HUD to prioritize the allocation of funds to local communities that have adopted policies that decriminalize homelessness.

Stakeholder Support: National Rural Housing Coalition, National ADAPT, National Coalition for the Homeless, Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center, OnTrack WNC, National Low Income Housing Coalition, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Catholic Charities USA, Children’s Defense Fund, National Urban League, National Alliance on Mental Illness, National Fair Housing Alliance, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, National Women’s Law Center, National Leased

Housing Association, National Housing Law Project, National Network to End Domestic Violence, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Arc of the United States, National Partnership for Women and Families, Housing Assistance Council, Center for Disability Rights, True Colors United, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, National Manufactured Home Owners Association, Food Research & Action Center, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force, Church World Service, Center for Law and Social Policy, Coalition on Human Needs, LeadingAge, Grounded Solutions Network, PolicyLink, RESULTS, Funders Together to End Homelessness, Hispanic Federation, Union for Reform Judaism, NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, Low Income Investment Fund, Steward of Affordable Housing for the Future, National Association of County Community and Economic Development, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, Hunger Free America, National Health Care for the Homeless Council, National Homelessness Law Center, National Community Development Association, National Housing and Rehabilitation Association, National Housing Resource Center, National Housing Trust, National Innovation Service, National Resource Center for Domestic Violence, National Center for Housing and Child Welfare, Center for LGBTQ Economic Advancement & Research, ZERO TO THREE, Youth Collaboratory, Treatment Communities of America, National Council for Independent Living, National Coalition for Latinx with Disabilities, National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations, Justice in Aging, Jewish Women International, HerStory Ensemble, Hearth Inc., Consumer Action, Affordable Homeownership Foundation Inc, Autistic Self Advocacy Network, Center for American Progress, Coalition of Labor Union Women AFL-CIO, Community Solutions, National Alliance of HUD Tenants, Public Citizen, Center for Community Progress, National Association of Social Workers, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders, National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, National Coalition for Housing Justice, National Council of Jewish Women, National Disability Rights Network, National Organization for Women, National WIC Association, Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS, Poverty & Race Research Action Council, Prosperity Now, Unitarian Universalist for Social Justice, Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals, Operation Restoration, Collaborative Solutions, Common Spirit Health, ICNA Council for Social Justice, American Association of Service Coordinators, African American Health Alliance, National Rural Housing Coalition, Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund, Hudson County Housing Resource Center, HPP CARES CDE, GS Community Ventures, California Housing Partnership, EK Sattler Assoc., LLC, Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, Lawrence Community Works, Consumer Credit and Budget Counseling, Homes Fund, South Fair Community Development Corporation, Spanish Coalition for Housing (SCH), Long Island Housing Services, Inc., Home Ownership Center, inc., Home Free-USA, Community Housing Development Corporation, Housing Action Illinois, Greater Phoenix Urban League, Lifelines Counseling Services, Administration of Resources & Choices, Community Development Network of MD, Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California, Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation, Reinvestment Partners, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD), The Bronx Neighborhood Housing Services CDC Inc, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Community Coalition, National Consumer Law Center (on behalf of its low-income clients), Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing, WSRAR, Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF), Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, Liberation in a Generation, Center for NYC Neighborhoods, Council of State Community Development Agencies, The Kelsey, RESULTS, Covenant Faith Outreach Ministries / Covenant CDC, Compass Working Capital.

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118TH CONGRESS
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To provide a path to end homelessness in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. WATERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To provide a path to end homelessness in the United States, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Ending Homelessness Act of 2023”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Expansion of housing choice voucher program.
- Sec. 3. Entitlement program for housing choice vouchers.
- Sec. 4. Repeal of ineligibility criteria.

- Sec. 5. Prohibiting housing discrimination based on source of income.
Sec. 6. Funding to address unmet need.
Sec. 7. Housing Trust Fund.
Sec. 8. Technical assistance funds to help States and local organizations align health and housing systems.
Sec. 9. Permanent authorization of appropriations for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act grants.
Sec. 10. Permanent extension of United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.
Sec. 11. Eligibility of private nonprofit organizations for funding.
Sec. 12. Eligibility of faith-based organizations.
Sec. 13. Conforming amendments.
Sec. 14. Funding priority.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) **FUNDING.**—There is appropriated out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for
5 providing incremental voucher assistance in accordance
6 with this section for each of fiscal years 2024 through
7 2027, the amount necessary to fund—

8 (1) the number of incremental vouchers re-
9 quired to be allocated under subsection (c);

10 (2) annual renewals of the vouchers allocated
11 under subsection (c); and

12 (3) administrative fees for vouchers allocated
13 under subsection (c).

14 (b) **ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS.**—Amounts made avail-
15 able under subsection (a) may be used only for providing
16 rental housing assistance under section 8(o) of the United
17 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) for an
18 eligible family who initially—

1 (1) has an income that does not exceed 50 per-
2 cent of the maximum income limitation for ex-
3 tremely low-income families established by the Sec-
4 retary of Housing and Urban Development (in this
5 section referred to as the “Secretary”) pursuant to
6 section 3(b)(2)(C) of the United States Housing Act
7 of 1937; or

8 (2) is an extremely low-income family that in-
9 cludes an individual who is an individual who is a
10 recipient of supplemental security income benefits
11 under title XVI of the Social Security Act.

12 (c) ALLOCATION.—

13 (1) INCREMENTAL VOUCHERS.—The Secretary
14 of Housing and Urban Development shall allocate
15 500,000 incremental vouchers in fiscal year 2024
16 and 1,000,000 incremental vouchers in increments
17 of 500,000 in each calendar year from 2025 through
18 2027 under this section to public housing agencies
19 pursuant to section 213(d) of the Housing and Com-
20 munity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 1439).

21 (2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary
22 shall, by notice in the Federal Register, establish se-
23 lection criteria under such section 213(d) that
24 prioritizes housing needs among families targeted
25 under subsection (b) and severe housing hardship,

1 such as experiencing homelessness, overcrowding or
2 evictions.

3 (3) RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—Vouchers allocated
4 under this subsection shall be vouchers for rental as-
5 sistance under section 8(o) of the United States
6 Housing Act of 1937.

7 **SEC. 3. ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM FOR HOUSING CHOICE**
8 **VOUCHERS.**

9 (a) ENTITLEMENT.—During fiscal year 2028 and
10 each fiscal year thereafter, any family that is otherwise
11 eligible for tenant-based rental assistance under section
12 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
13 1437f(o)) shall be entitled to such rental assistance in ac-
14 cordance with this section during such period that such
15 family meets the requirements under subsection (c) or (d)
16 as a qualified family.

17 (b) FUNDING.—For fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal
18 year thereafter, there is appropriated out of any money
19 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the amount
20 necessary—

21 (1) to provide assistance under section 8(o) of
22 the United States Housing Act of 1937 in accord-
23 ance with the entitlement under subsection (a) of
24 this section for each qualified family in the amount
25 determined under such section 8(o); and

1 (2) to provide administrative fees under such
2 section 8(q), as modified pursuant to subsection (i)
3 of this section, in connection with each voucher for
4 assistance provided pursuant to paragraph (1) of
5 this subsection.

6 (c) QUALIFIED FAMILIES.—For purposes of this sec-
7 tion, the term “qualified family” means the following:

8 (1) FISCAL YEAR 2028.—For fiscal year 2028,
9 a family that meets the requirements under section
10 2(b) of this Act.

11 (2) FISCAL YEAR 2029.—For fiscal year 2029,
12 a family having an income that—

13 (A) meets the requirements under section
14 2(b) of this Act; or

15 (B) does not exceed 75 percent of the max-
16 imum income limitation for extremely low-in-
17 come families established by the Secretary pur-
18 suant to section 3(b)(2)(C) of the United States
19 Housing Act of 1937.

20 (3) FISCAL YEAR 2030.—For fiscal year 2030,
21 an extremely low-income family.

22 (4) FISCAL YEAR 2031.—For fiscal year 2031,
23 a very low-income family.

1 (5) FISCAL YEAR 2032 AND AFTER.—For fiscal
2 year 2032 and each fiscal year thereafter, a low-in-
3 come family.

4 (d) CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY.—A family shall meet
5 the requirements under this subsection as a qualifying
6 family if the family—

7 (1) does not meet the requirements under sub-
8 section (c); and

9 (2) was initially assisted under this section or
10 section 2 of this Act and continues to be assisted.

11 (e) REPEAL OF INCOME TARGETING REQUIRE-
12 MENT.—Effective October 1, 2030, section 16 of the
13 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437n)
14 is amended by striking subsection (b).

15 (f) ADMINISTERING AGENCIES.—

16 (1) REGIONAL CONSORTIA.—The Secretary
17 shall encourage and provide for public housing agen-
18 cies to form regional consortia to administer the pro-
19 gram for rental assistance under this section with
20 respect to geographical areas.

21 (2) PHA DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall
22 designate a public housing agency to administer as-
23 sistance under this section in any area where no ex-
24 isting public housing agency has jurisdiction or
25 where no agency with jurisdiction is adequately ad-

1 ministering such assistance, subject to public com-
2 ment and after consultation with States, public
3 housing agencies, local governments, Indian tribes,
4 and tribally designated housing agencies.

5 (g) USE OF SMALL AREA FAIR MARKET RENTS.—

6 Paragraph (1) of section 8(o) of the United States Hous-
7 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “subpara-
9 graph (D)” and inserting “subparagraphs (D) and
10 (F)”;

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 paragraph:

13 “(F) USE OF SMALL AREA FAIR MARKET
14 RENTS.—Effective for fiscal year 2024 and
15 each fiscal year thereafter, the area fair market
16 rents used for purposes of subparagraph (B)
17 shall be established by the Secretary for zip code
18 areas.”.

19 (h) PROJECT-BASING.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subpara-
21 graph (A) of paragraph (13) of section 8(o) of the
22 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
23 1437f(o)(13)(A)), a public housing agency admin-
24 istering assistance under this section may enter into

1 agreements to attach such assistance to a project in
2 accordance with such paragraph, except that—

3 (A) a qualified family residing in a dwell-
4 ing unit so assisted may at any time opt to use
5 such assistance on a tenant-based basis for a
6 different dwelling unit and, upon such a move,
7 the public housing agency shall provide the
8 qualified family with tenant-based rental assist-
9 ance under this section; and

10 (B) subparagraph (B) of such section
11 8(o)(13) (relating to percentage limitation)
12 shall not apply with respect to assistance under
13 this section.

14 (2) PERCENTAGE LIMITATION.—For purposes
15 of section 8(o)(13)(B) of the United States Housing
16 Act of 1937, all families assisted by a public housing
17 agency under this section shall be counted as au-
18 thorized units for the agency

19 (i) SECURITY DEPOSITS.—

20 (1) AUTHORITY.—An agency administering as-
21 sistance under this section may authorize a qualified
22 family assisted under this section to use such assist-
23 ance for security deposits and broker and application
24 fees relating to obtaining a dwelling unit, except that
25 the Secretary may establish a limitation on the

1 amount of such assistance used pursuant to this
2 subsection and for each authorized purpose under
3 this subsection.

4 (2) RECAPTURE.—The Secretary shall require
5 the return to the Secretary of any amounts used for
6 a security deposit with respect to a dwelling unit
7 upon the termination of the residence in such unit
8 by an assisted family.

9 (j) ADMINISTRATIVE FEES.—Notwithstanding the
10 administrative fee with respect to tenant-based assistance
11 in effect on October 1, 2023, pursuant to section 8(q) of
12 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
13 1437f(q)), the Secretary shall, by regulation, establish a
14 new administrative fee for such assistance, applicable to
15 fiscal year 2024 and thereafter, that reflects local vari-
16 ation in the cost of administering a well-run housing
17 choice voucher program and which encourages public
18 housing agencies to expand housing choice for assisted
19 families and increase the rate at which families issued
20 vouchers use them successfully to lease housing.

21 (k) PROHIBITION OF USE UNDER MOVING TO WORK
22 PROGRAM.—None of the amounts made available by sub-
23 section (b) of this section or by section 2 of this Act may
24 be used under, to carry out, or otherwise in connection
25 with the Moving to Work demonstration program author-

1 ized by section 204 of the Departments of Veterans Af-
2 fairs and Housing and Urban Development and Inde-
3 pendent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law
4 104–134; 110 Stat. 1321), as expanded by section 239
5 of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development,
6 and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (division
7 L of Public Law 114–113; 129 Stat. 2897) or any other
8 provision of law.

9 (l) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
10 following definitions shall apply:

11 (1) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBALLY DESIGNATED
12 HOUSING AGENCY.—The terms “Indian tribe” and
13 “tribally designated housing agency” have the mean-
14 ings given such terms in section 4 of the Native
15 American Housing Assistance and Self-Determina-
16 tion Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

17 (2) LOW-INCOME FAMILY; VERY LOW-INCOME
18 FAMILY; EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME FAMILY.—The
19 terms “low-income family”, “very low-income fam-
20 ily”, and “extremely low-income family” have the
21 meanings given such terms in section 3(b) of the
22 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
23 1437a(b)).

24 (3) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY.—The term
25 “public housing agency” has the meaning given such

1 term in section 3(b) of the United States Housing
2 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

3 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

5 (5) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-
6 ing given such term in section 3(b) of the United
7 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

8 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF INELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.**

9 (a) UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937.—Effec-
10 tive October 1, 2027, section 6 of the United States Hous-
11 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (q)(1), by adding at the end
13 the following new subparagraph:

14 “(D) INAPPLICABILITY.—This subsection
15 shall not apply to applicants for, or families as-
16 sisted under, the entitlement program for hous-
17 ing choice vouchers under section 3 of the End-
18 ing Homelessness Act of 2023.”; and

19 (2) in subsection (s), by striking “or assisted
20 housing program”.

21 (b) QUALITY HOUSING AND WORK RESPONSIBILITY
22 ACT OF 1998.—The Quality Housing and Work Respon-
23 sibility Act of 1998 is amended—

24 (1) in section 576 (42 U.S.C. 13661)—

1 (A) by inserting “covered” before “feder-
2 ally assisted housing” each place such term ap-
3 pears; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following new
5 subsection:

6 “(f) DEFINITION OF COVERED FEDERALLY AS-
7 SISTED HOUSING.—The term ‘covered federally assisted
8 housing’ has the meaning given the term ‘federally as-
9 sisted housing’ in section 579, except that the former term
10 shall not include housing specified in subsection (a)(2)(B)
11 of such section.”; and

12 (2) in section 577(a) (42 U.S.C. 13662(a)), by
13 adding after and below paragraph (2) the following
14 new flush material:

15 “This subsection shall not apply to applicants for, or fami-
16 lies assisted under, the entitlement program for housing
17 choice vouchers under section 3 of the Ending Homeless-
18 ness Act of 2023.”.

19 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED**
20 **ON SOURCE OF INCOME.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
22 3601 et seq.) is amended—

23 (1) in section 802 (42 U.S.C. 3602), by adding
24 at the end the following:

25 “(p) ‘Source of income’ includes—

1 “(1) current and future use of a tenant- or
2 project-based housing voucher under section 8 of the
3 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
4 1437f) and any form of Federal, State, or local
5 housing assistance provided to a person or family or
6 provided to a housing owner on behalf of a person
7 or family, including rental vouchers, rental assist-
8 ance, down payment assistance, other homeownership
9 ship assistance, assistance to cover housing costs,
10 and other rental and homeownership subsidies, or
11 guarantees or financial assistance provided through
12 government and nongovernment organizations, in-
13 cluding both receipt of such assistance and compli-
14 ance with its terms thereof;

15 “(2) income received as a monthly benefit
16 under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
17 401 et seq.), as a supplemental security income ben-
18 efit under title XVI of the Social Security Act (42
19 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.), or as a benefit under the Rail-
20 road Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231 et
21 seq.) or income provided through Federal, State, or
22 local governments or nongovernment organizations,
23 or through any public or State-supported general or
24 disability income assistance program or the terms of
25 such income;

1 “(3) income received by court order, including
2 spousal support and child support;

3 “(4) any payment from a trust, guardian, con-
4 servator, co-signer, or relative; and

5 “(5) any other source of income or funds, in-
6 cluding savings accounts and investments.”;

7 (2) in section 804 (42 U.S.C. 3604)—

8 (A) by inserting “source of income,” after
9 “familial status,” each place that term appears;
10 and

11 (3) in section 805 (42 U.S.C. 3605)—

12 (A) in subsection (a), by inserting “source
13 of income,” after “familial status,”; and

14 (B) in subsection (c), by inserting “source
15 of income,” after “handicap,”;

16 (4) in section 806 (42 U.S.C. 3606), by insert-
17 ing “source of income,” after “familial status,”;

18 (5) in section 807 (42 U.S.C. 3607), by adding
19 at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(c) Nothing under this title shall be construed to
21 prohibit any entity from providing a preference for vet-
22 erans or based on veteran status in the sale or rental of
23 a dwelling or in the provision of services or facilities in
24 connection therewith.”;

1 (6) in section 808(e)(6) (42 U.S.C. 3608(e)(6)),
2 by inserting “source of income,” after “handicap,”;
3 and

4 (7) in section 810(f) (42 U.S.C. 3610(f)), by
5 striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

6 “(4) During the period beginning on the date of en-
7 actment of the Ending Homelessness Act of 2023 and
8 ending on the date that is 40 months after such date of
9 enactment, each agency certified for purposes of this title
10 on the day before such date of enactment shall, for pur-
11 poses of this subsection, be considered certified under this
12 subsection with respect to those matters for which the
13 agency was certified on that date. If the Secretary deter-
14 mines in an individual case that an agency has not been
15 able to meet the certification requirements within this 40-
16 month period due to exceptional circumstances, such as
17 the infrequency of legislative sessions in that jurisdiction,
18 the Secretary may extend such period by not more than
19 6 months.”.

20 (b) PREVENTION OF INTIMIDATION IN FAIR HOUS-
21 ING CASES.—Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968
22 (42 U.S.C. 3631) is amended by inserting “source of in-
23 come (as defined in section 802),” before “or national ori-
24 gin” each place that term appears.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR EN-
2 FORCEMENT.—There is authorized to be appropriated for
3 contracts, grants, and other assistance—

4 (1) \$90,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
5 through 2033 for the Fair Housing Initiatives Pro-
6 gram under section 561 of the Housing and Com-
7 munity Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C.
8 3616a);

9 (2) \$47,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
10 through 2033 for the Fair Housing Assistance Pro-
11 gram under the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601
12 et seq.); and

13 (3) \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
14 through 2026 to the Secretary of Housing and
15 Urban Development for a carrying out national
16 media campaign to raise public awareness to help in-
17 dividuals understand their expanded rights under
18 the Fair Housing Act and learn how to report inci-
19 dents of housing discrimination.

20 **SEC. 6. FUNDING TO ADDRESS UNMET NEED.**

21 Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
22 Act (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq) is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating section 491 (42 U.S.C.
24 11408; relating to rural housing stability grant pro-
25 gram) as section 441;

1 (2) by redesignating section 592 (42 U.S.C.
2 11408a; relating to use of FMHA inventory for
3 transitional housing for homeless persons and for
4 turnkey housing) as section 442; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 title:

7 **“Subtitle E—Emergency Funding**
8 **To Address Unmet Need**

9 **“SEC. 451. FUNDING TO ADDRESS UNMET NEEDS.**

10 “(a) DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS.—There is appro-
11 priated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
12 appropriated for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028,
13 \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, for
14 emergency relief grants under this section to address the
15 unmet needs of homeless populations in jurisdictions with
16 the highest need.

17 “(b) FORMULA GRANTS.—

18 “(1) ALLOCATION.—Amounts appropriated
19 under subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall be allo-
20 cated among collaborative applicants that comply
21 with section 402, in accordance with the funding for-
22 mula established under paragraph (2) of this sub-
23 section.

24 “(2) FORMULA.—The Secretary shall, in con-
25 sultation with the United States Interagency Council

1 on Homeless, establish a formula for allocating
2 grant amounts under this section to address the
3 unmet needs of homeless populations in jurisdictions
4 with the highest need, using the best currently avail-
5 able data that targets need based on key structural
6 determinants of homelessness in the geographic area
7 represented by a collaborative applicant, which shall
8 include data providing accurate counts of—

9 “(A) the poverty rate in the geographic
10 area represented by the collaborative applicant;

11 “(B) shortages of affordable housing for
12 low-, very low-, and extremely low-income
13 households in the geographic area represented
14 by the collaborative applicant;

15 “(C) the number of overcrowded housing
16 units in the geographic area represented by the
17 collaborative applicant;

18 “(D) the number of unsheltered homeless
19 individuals and the number of chronically home-
20 less individuals; and

21 “(E) any other factors that the Secretary
22 considers appropriate.

23 The formula shall provide priority to (i) collaborative
24 applicants for which the local governments, within
25 the area served by the applicant, have adopted local

1 policies, such as through zoning and regulation, that
2 leverage the private sector’s participation to provide
3 housing that is reserved and affordable to low-, very
4 low-, and extremely low-income households, as de-
5 fined by the Secretary, for a minimum term of 15
6 years, and (ii) collaborative applicants for which the
7 local governments have adopted policies that de-
8 criminalize homelessness. The Secretary shall estab-
9 lish by regulation the process and manner that local
10 governments will be evaluated. The Secretary shall
11 ensure that local governments are not incentivized or
12 otherwise rewarded for eliminating or undermining
13 the intent of zoning regulations or other regulations
14 or policies that establish fair wages for laborers, en-
15 sure health and safety of buildings for residents and
16 the general public, protect fair housing, establish en-
17 vironmental protections, establish standards for re-
18 siliency, prevent tenant displacement, or any other
19 requirements that the Secretary determines it is in
20 the public interest to preserve.

21 “(3) GRANTS.—For each fiscal year for which
22 amounts are made available under subsection (a),
23 the Secretary shall make a grant to each collabo-
24 rative applicant for which an amount is allocated
25 pursuant to application of the formula established

1 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection in an
2 amount that is equal to the formula amount deter-
3 mined for such collaborative applicant.

4 “(4) TIMING.—The funding formula required
5 under paragraph (2) shall be established by regula-
6 tions issued, after notice and opportunity for public
7 comment, not later than 6 months after the date of
8 enactment of this section.

9 “(c) USE OF GRANTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)
11 through (4), a collaborative applicant that receives a
12 grant under this section may use such grant
13 amounts only for eligible activities under section
14 415, 423, or 441(b).

15 “(2) PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING RE-
16 QUIREMENT.—

17 “(A) REQUIREMENT.—Except as provided
18 in subparagraph (B), each collaborative appli-
19 cant that receives a grant under this section
20 shall use not less than 75 percent of such grant
21 amount for permanent supportive housing, in-
22 cluding capital costs, rental subsidies, and serv-
23 ices.

24 “(B) EXEMPTION.—The Secretary shall
25 exempt a collaborative applicant from the appli-

1 cability of the requirement under subparagraph
2 (A) if the applicant demonstrates, in accordance
3 with such standards and procedures as the Sec-
4 retary shall establish, that—

5 “(i) chronic homelessness has been
6 functionally eliminated in the geographic
7 area served by the applicant; or

8 “(ii) the permanent supportive hous-
9 ing under development in the geographic
10 area served by the applicant is sufficient to
11 functionally eliminate chronic homelessness
12 once such units are available for occu-
13 pancy.

14 The Secretary shall consider and make a deter-
15 mination regarding each request for an exemp-
16 tion under this subparagraph not later than 60
17 days after receipt of such request.

18 “(3) LIMITATION ON USE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
19 EXPENSES.—Not more than 5 percent of the total
20 amount of any grant under this section to a collabo-
21 rative applicant may be used for costs of administra-
22 tion.

23 “(4) HOUSING FIRST REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
24 retary shall ensure that each collaborative applicant
25 that receives a grant under this section is imple-

1 menting, to the extent possible, and will use such
2 grant amounts in accordance with, a Housing First
3 model for assistance for homeless persons.

4 “(d) RENEWAL FUNDING.—Expiring contracts for
5 leasing, rental assistance, or permanent housing shall be
6 treated, for purposes of section 429, as expiring contracts
7 referred to in subsection (a) of such section.

8 “(e) REPORTING TO CONGRESS.—

9 “(1) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than the ex-
10 piration of the 12-month period beginning upon the
11 first allocation of amounts made after the date of
12 the enactment of this Act pursuant to subsection
13 (b)(1), and annually thereafter, the Secretary and
14 the United States Interagency Council on Homeless-
15 ness shall submit a report to the Committees on Fi-
16 nancial Services and Appropriations of the House of
17 Representatives and the Committees on Banking,
18 Housing, and Urban Affairs and Appropriations of
19 the Senate providing detailed information regarding
20 the grants made under this section during the pre-
21 ceding year, the activities funded with such grant
22 amounts, and the impact of such activities on the
23 communities where such activities took place.

24 “(2) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION BY SEC-
25 RETARY.—The Secretary shall require each collabo-

1 rative applicant that receives a grant under this sec-
2 tion to submit such information to the Secretary as
3 may be necessary for the Secretary to comply with
4 the reporting requirement under paragraph (1).

5 **“SEC. 452. OUTREACH FUNDING.**

6 “(a) DIRECT APPROPRIATION.—There is appro-
7 priated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
8 appropriated for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028,
9 \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended, to the
10 Secretary for grants under this section to provide outreach
11 and coordinate services for persons and households who
12 are homeless or formerly homeless.

13 “(b) GRANTS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make
15 grants under this section on a competitive basis only
16 to collaborative applicants who comply with section
17 402.

18 “(2) PRIORITY.—The competition for grants
19 under this section shall provide priority—

20 “(A) to collaborative applicants who sub-
21 mit plans to make innovative and effective use
22 of staff funded with grant amounts pursuant to
23 subsection (c);

24 “(B) to collaborative applicants for which
25 the local governments, within the area served by

1 the applicant, have adopted local policies, such
2 as through zoning and regulation, that leverage
3 the private sector’s participation to provide
4 housing that is reserved and affordable to low-
5 , very low-, and extremely low-income house-
6 holds, as defined by Secretary, for a minimum
7 term of 15 years; and

8 “(C) to collaborative applicants for which
9 the local governments have adopted policies that
10 decriminalize homelessness.

11 The Secretary shall establish by regulation the proc-
12 ess and manner that local governments will be evalu-
13 ated. The Secretary shall ensure that local govern-
14 ments are not incentivized or otherwise rewarded for
15 eliminating or undermining the intent of zoning reg-
16 ulations or other regulations or policies that estab-
17 lish fair wages for laborers, ensure health and safety
18 of buildings for residents and the general public,
19 protect fair housing, establish environmental protec-
20 tions, establish standards for resiliency, prevent ten-
21 ant displacement, or any other requirements that the
22 Secretary determines it is in the public interest to
23 preserve.

24 “(c) USE OF GRANTS.—A collaborative applicant
25 that receives a grant under this section—

1 “(1) may use such grant amounts only for pro-
2 viding case managers, social workers, or other staff
3 who conduct outreach and coordinate services for
4 persons and households who are homeless or for-
5 merly homeless; and

6 “(2) shall not use grant amounts for any law
7 enforcement purposes.

8 “(d) **TIMING.**—The Secretary shall establish the cri-
9 teria for the competition for grants under this section re-
10 quired under subsection (b) by regulations issued, after
11 notice and opportunity for public comment, not later than
12 6 months after the date of enactment of this section.”.

13 **SEC. 7. HOUSING TRUST FUND.**

14 (a) **FUNDING.**—

15 (1) **ANNUAL FUNDING.**—There is appropriated,
16 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-
17 propriated, for each of fiscal years 2024 through
18 2028, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until ex-
19 pended, which shall be credited to the Housing
20 Trust Fund established pursuant to section 1338 of
21 the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety
22 and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4568) for
23 use under such section.

24 (2) **PRIORITY FOR HOUSING THE HOMELESS.**—

1 (A) PRIORITY.—During the first 5 fiscal
2 years that amounts are made available under
3 this subsection, the Secretary of Housing and
4 Urban Development shall ensure that priority
5 for occupancy in dwelling units described in
6 subparagraph (B) that become available for oc-
7 cupancy shall be given to persons and house-
8 holds who are homeless (as such term is defined
9 in section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
10 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302)).

11 (B) COVERED DWELLING UNITS.—A dwell-
12 ing unit described in this subparagraph is any
13 dwelling unit that—

14 (i) is located in housing that was at
15 any time provided assistance with any
16 amounts from the Housing Trust Fund re-
17 ferred to paragraph (1) that were credited
18 to such Trust Fund by such paragraph; or

19 (ii) is receiving assistance described in
20 paragraph (2) with amounts made avail-
21 able under such paragraph.

22 (b) TENANT RENT CONTRIBUTION.—

23 (1) LIMITATION.—Subparagraph (A) of section
24 1338(c)(7) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Fi-

1 nancial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12
2 U.S.C. 4568(c)(7)(A)) is amended—

3 (A) by striking “except that not less than
4 75 percent” and inserting the following: “except
5 that—

6 “(i) not less than 75 percent”;

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new
8 clause:

9 “(ii) notwithstanding any other provi-
10 sion of law, all rental housing dwelling
11 units shall be subject to legally binding
12 commitments that ensure that the con-
13 tribution toward rent by a family residing
14 in the dwelling unit shall not exceed 30
15 percent of the adjusted income (as such
16 term is defined in section 3(b) of the
17 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
18 U.S.C. 1437a(b))) of such family; and”.

19 (2) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Housing
20 and Urban Development shall issue regulations to
21 implement section 1338(c)(7)(A)(ii) of the Federal
22 Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Sound-
23 ness Act of 1992, as added by the amendment made
24 by paragraph (1)(B) of this section, not later than

1 the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the
2 date of the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 8. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO HELP STATES**
4 **AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ALIGN HEALTH**
5 **AND HOUSING SYSTEMS.**

6 (a) FUNDING.—There is hereby made available to the
7 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
8 \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended, for pro-
9 viding technical assistance under section 405 of the
10 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
11 11361(b)) to integrate and coordinate assistance provided
12 under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
13 U.S.C. 11301 et seq.) with health care funded by Federal
14 programs, in collaboration with the United States Inter-
15 agency Council on Homelessness and the Secretary of
16 Health and Human Services.

17 (b) USE.—In allocating amounts made available by
18 subsection (a), the Secretary shall seek to—

19 (1) assist States and localities in integrating
20 and aligning policies and funding between Medicaid
21 programs, behavioral health providers, and housing
22 providers to create supportive housing opportunities;
23 and

24 (2) engage State Medicaid program directors,
25 Governors, State housing and homelessness agencies,

1 any other relevant State offices, and any relevant
2 local government entities, to assist States in increas-
3 ing use of their Medicaid programs to finance sup-
4 portive services for homeless persons.

5 (c) PRIORITY.—In using amounts made available
6 under this section, the Secretary shall give priority—

7 (1) to use for States and localities having the
8 highest numbers of chronically homeless persons;
9 and

10 (2) to assist localities that have adopted local
11 policies, such as through zoning and regulation, that
12 leverage the private sector's participation to provide
13 and make housing affordable for low-, very low-, and
14 extremely low-income household, as defined by the
15 Secretary, for a minimum of 15 years. The Sec-
16 retary shall establish by regulation the process and
17 manner that local governments will be evaluated.
18 The Secretary shall ensure that local governments
19 are not incentivized or otherwise rewarded for elimi-
20 nating or undermining the intent of zoning regula-
21 tions or other regulations or policies that establish
22 fair wages for laborers, ensure health and safety of
23 buildings for residents and the general public, pro-
24 tect fair housing, establish environmental protec-
25 tions, establish standards for resiliency, prevent ten-

1 ant displacement, or any other requirements that the
2 Secretary determines it is in the public interest to
3 preserve.

4 **SEC. 9. PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**
5 **FOR MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSIST-**
6 **ANCE ACT GRANTS.**

7 Section 408 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
8 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11364) is amended to read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 408. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
11 this title such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal
12 year.”.

13 **SEC. 10. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF UNITED STATES**
14 **INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS.**

15 Section 209 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
16 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11319) is hereby repealed.

17 **SEC. 11. ELIGIBILITY OF PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-**
18 **TIONS FOR FUNDING.**

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
20 retary of Housing and Urban Development shall provide
21 that private nonprofit organizations (as such term is de-
22 fined in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
23 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360)) that are eligible entities
24 (as such term is defined in such section 401), including
25 faith-based such organizations that are eligible entities,

1 shall be eligible for assistance made available or author-
2 ized by this Act or by the amendments made by this Act
3 (but not including assistance under section 452 of the
4 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as added by
5 section 3 of this Act), and shall be eligible to be sub-
6 grantees for entities receiving amounts made available or
7 authorized by this Act or by the amendments made by
8 this Act.

9 **SEC. 12. ELIGIBILITY OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.**

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in deter-
11 mining eligibility for assistance made available by this Act
12 or the amendments made by this Act or for which appro-
13 priations are authorized by this Act or the amendments
14 made by this Act, the status of an entity as faith-based
15 or the possibility that an entity may be faith-based may
16 not be a basis for any discrimination against such entity
17 in any manner or for any purpose.

18 **SEC. 13. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

19 The table of sections in section 101(b) of the McKin-
20 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is amended—

21 (1) in the item relating to title II, by striking
22 “INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON THE HOME-
23 LESS” and inserting “UNITED STATES INTER-
24 AGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS”;

25 (2) by striking the item relating to section 209;

1 (3) in the item relating to section 491, by strik-
2 ing “491” and inserting “441”;

3 (4) in the item relating to section 492, by strik-
4 ing “492” and inserting “442”; and

5 (5) by inserting before the item relating to title
6 V the following:

 “Subtitle E—Emergency Funding To Address Unmet Need

 “Sec. 451. Funding to address unmet needs.

 “Sec. 452. Outreach funding.”.

7 **SEC. 14. FUNDING PRIORITY.**

8 In selecting entities to receive amounts authorized to
9 be appropriated by this Act and amounts made available
10 by this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
11 ment shall provide priority to entities serving areas for
12 which the local governments having jurisdiction have
13 adopted policies that decriminalize homelessness.